

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Mohr	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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DIRECTOR AND SACS SEATTLE AND SAN FRANCISCO U R G E N T  
FLYING DISCS, SM DASH X. RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. LADD, ONE PM  
TODAY REQUESTING TELETYPE SUMMARY CONCERNING NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF  
RECENT REPORTED FLYING DISCS IN PORTLAND AREA AND A REPORTED CONFERENCE  
OF ARMY OFFICIALS IN PORTLAND CONCERNING FLYING DISCS. LEAVERITT G.  
RICHARDS, AVIATION EDITOR THE OREGONIAN, ADVISED THAT A CAPTAIN  
WILLIAM L. DAVIDSON AND LT. FRANK M. BROWN OF FOURTH AAF HEADQUARTERS,  
SAN FRANCISCO WERE IN PORTLAND JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND INTERVIEWED  
DICK RANKIN, AN EXPERIENCED PILOT, WHO HAD REPORTED JUNE FOURTEEN  
LAST SEEING A FORMATION OF TEN FLYING DISCS OVER BAKERS-  
FIELD, CALIF. ACCORDING TO RICHARDS THEY HAD ALSO INTERVIEWED  
FOLLOWING FOUR EXPERIENCED PILOTS WHO WERE AMONG FIRST WHO REPORTED  
SEEING DISCS - KENNETH ARNOLD, BUSINESS MAN, BOISE, IDAHO, CAPTAIN  
E. J. SMITH AND CO-PILOT RALPH STEVENS, UNITED AIRLINES, AND DAVE  
JOHNSON, AVIATION EDITOR, IDAHO STATESMAN. TO ASCERTAIN THE  
PURPOSE OF THE INTERVIEWS RICHARDS CONTACTED MAJOR GENERAL TWINING  
OF WRIGHT FIELD, OHIO BY PHONE AT ALBUQUERQUE, NM, AND FROM HIM  
GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE AAF INSTITUTED THIS INVESTIGATION TO  
WASH OUT THE DISC REPORTS, SINCE THEY ARE DEFINITELY NOT OF AAF ORIGIN.  
ON FRIDAY, AUGUST FIRST, THE PLANE IN WHICH AAF INVESTIGATORS CAPTAIN  
DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN WERE RIDING, CRASHED AT KELSO, WASH. AND BOTH

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MCCHORD FIELD. THE TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE AND THROUGH THE<sup>M</sup> THE UNITED  
PRESS PUT OUT A STORY THE PLANE WAS CARRYING PARTS OF A DISC WHICH  
HAD STRUCK A BOAT OWNED BY GOLD DAHL AND FRED CRISMAN, TACOMA, WN.  
RICHARDS ADVISED THAT TODAY'S ISSUE OF THE OREGONIAN CARRIES A UP STORY  
STATING THAT DAHL DENIES SAYING THE METAL FRAGMENTS HE FURNISHED WERE  
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